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For: COMPOSITE STRUCTURAL REINFORCEMENT DEVICE

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b) - INDEPENDENT INVENTORS**

As a below named joint inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention identified above and described in the application filed herewith.

I have not assigned, granted conveyed or licensed and am under no obligations under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in the invention is listed below: NONE

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false, statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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In Re Application Of:	§	
James M. Souza, Glen Davis,	§	<b>UTILITY</b>
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**DECLARATION & POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I believe I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought in the U.S. Patent Application filed herewith; Titled COMPOSITE STRUCTURAL REINFORCEMENT DEVICE.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119 (a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below, and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed: NONE

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

U.S. PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION  
SERIAL NUMBER: 60/179,421  
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TITLE: "Composite Structural Reinforcement Device"

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States application(s) or §365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below, and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56 which becomes available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: NONE

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonments, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I hereby appoint the following attorney and/or agent with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Ronald B. Sefrna, Registration No. 28,344, of the firm of SEFRNA & ASSOCIATES, having offices at 505 South Bois D'Arc, P.O. Box 567, Tyler, Texas 75710-0567, Telephone (903) 592-5965, Fax (903) 952-5901. Address all telephone calls and correspondence to Mr. Ronald B. Sefrna.

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